

# What's Happening at the MCSESC!

There will be no Internet newsletter for the week of April 6 due to Spring Break. We will resume publishing during the week of April 13, 2009.



## MCSESC Employee Spotlight

*Our ESC Spotlight this week is on Elizabeth Grafious, our Behavior/Autism Consultant here at the MCSESC for Medina and Summit Counties.*

### Welcome, Elizabeth Grafious!

Elizabeth was previously employed at Madison Local School District as a special education teacher for emotionally disabled students from 3 years to 21 years of age. She developed/applied an autism program. She also constructed a social skills group for students on the spectrum and social skills deficits. Elizabeth planned and presented social skills and behavior strategies to school systems.

Her husband, Jon Grafious, is an environmental engineer for American Environmental. John and Elizabeth have a three-year-old son named Dean.

Elizabeth enjoys reading biographies about many kinds of people. She just finished a book on the life of Howard Hughes. Elizabeth loves to scrapbook and spend time with her family. She also loves to find cool places to take their son.

Elizabeth wanted everyone to know that "We just moved to Medina and have truly enjoyed the warm welcome from everyone here. The MCSESC has been so wonderful in making my first year so great."

Elizabeth provides our ESC with a very special service that is appreciated by everyone.

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## Autism Awareness Month



April has been designated as National Autism Awareness Month, and the United Nations has declared April 2 to be International Autism Awareness Day. Statistics tell us that currently 1 out of every 150 people is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder; therefore, every school is or will be called on to educate someone affected by autism at some time.

Through the ESC office, Angie Morman, Behavior/Autism Consultant, has Autism Awareness kits available to loan to any school with participating teachers. Each kit is geared toward a certain age level and contains teaching units and accompanying activities. Angie will also be more than happy to talk individually with anyone who has questions or would like further information on what we can do for activities.

Angie sincerely hopes that Medina County Schools will use this opportunity to bring more awareness and education to the mystery of autism to all students. She looks forward to working with you to achieve that goal.

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## Director of School Nursing, Lori Hogue, Participates in OASN 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

Lori Hogue, Director of Nursing Services, attended the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Ohio Association of School Nurses, entitled "School Nurses: Sewing Seeds for Good Student Health" on March 27-29, 2009. Lori was among the 130 school nurses who attended and work with school health issues on a daily basis. The school nurse conference was hosted by the Northwest Ohio Association of School Nurses.

The keynote speaker was Sandi Delack, NASN President-elect. The title of her presentation was "NASN & OASN: State of the Union." Ms. Delack flew in from Rhode Island for this conference.

School nurses attending the full conference could obtain 15.75 nursing contact hours. Twenty-four contact hours are required for R.N. license renewal every two years. A variety of continuing nursing education sessions were provided over the 2½ days, including a viewing of posters depicting evidence-based programs and research developed by school nurses.

The Ohio Association of School Nurses has 430 school nurse members. OASN's mission is to promote optimal wellness among Ohio's school children and their communities by supporting their educational success and providing leadership, education, and support for the practice of school nursing.

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## MCSESC Relay For Life® "Pie in the Face" Contest Results



The MCSESC Relay for Life® team conducted its first fundraiser, a "Pie in the Face" contest, during the month of March. The contest involved our expanded administrative team: William Koran, Michelle McNeely, Dr. Dan Vincent, Nancy Nimmo, Denise Valerio, Gerri Edwards, Lori Hogue, Brenda Lester, and Ken Rinehart. We raised \$292.66 with this fundraiser and had a great time serving up the pie to our top two collectors, as well as a special third pie for our Student Fundraiser Award. The winners were Superintendent William Koran, with a total of \$77.76, and Brenda Lester, with a total of \$69.90. The special award was given to Ken Rinehart, whose students contributed in the hopes of giving him a pie in the face.



Look for upcoming information about our April fundraiser, "Princess of the Office," involving our secretarial staff: Leslie DeDauw, Linda Gehring, Torie Griffith, Bonnie McNeely, Kathy Mowery, Janelle Sailer, Gloria Schultz, Brenda Zacharias, and Keturah Zacharias.

If you are interested in joining our team or making a donation, please visit our team Web page at [www.main.acsevents.org/goto/mcsesc](http://www.main.acsevents.org/goto/mcsesc).

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## Spring/Summer Staff Development

The Spring/Summer 2009 Staff Development Workshop Catalog will be distributed to all school districts in Medina County this week. Here is a list of classes being offered this spring and summer:

## Mathematics

### 1281 - Oh No, Not Another Story: Math Strategies for Grades 5-9

06/25/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

06/26/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

## Reading

### 1268 - Summer Book Talks

06/11/2009 11:00 AM – 2:30 PM

06/18/2009 11:00 AM – 2:30 PM

07/02/2009 11:00 AM – 2:30 PM

07/16/2009 11:00 AM – 2:30 PM

### 1269 - Raise Reading Achievement and Motivation!

07/13/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

07/14/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

## Social Studies

### 1255 - Intro to Chinese Culture

05/02/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

05/09/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

## Special Education

### 1265 - Individualized Education Program Training

06/10/2009 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

### 1266 - Individualized Education Program Training

06/24/2009 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

### 1267 - Individualized Education Program Training

07/08/2009 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

### 1270 - Inclusion Strategies That Work for Students With Special Needs

06/15/2009 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

06/16/2009 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

06/17/2009 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

06/18/2009 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

## Technology

### 1271 - Word 2007 Introductory Concepts & Techniques

06/08/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

06/09/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

### 1272 - SmartBoard Interactive Whiteboard

06/10/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

06/11/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

### 1273 - Publisher 2007 Introductory Concepts & Techniques

07/14/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

07/15/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

### 1274 - Technology Sampler

07/21/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

07/22/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

### 1275 - Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 Introductory

07/27/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

08/03/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

### 1276 - SmartBoard Interactive Whiteboard

07/28/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

07/29/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

### 1277 - A Day in the Life of Web 2.0

08/04/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

08/05/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

### 1278 - Technology-Based Student Projects Which Align to the Academic Content Standards

08/11/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

08/12/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

### 1279 - SmartBoard Interactive Whiteboard

08/18/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

08/19/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

### 1282 - Podcasting for Teachers

06/24/2009 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

06/25/2009 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

### 1283 - Using a Digital Camera in Your Classroom

07/20/2009 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

07/23/2009 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

## Writing

### 1280 - Writing to OAT Prompts Is All About "I"

06/22/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

06/23/2009 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

## Online

All online courses run for six weeks, with a two-week grace period at the end. Two lessons are released each week for the six-week duration of the course. You do not have to be on-line when the lesson is released, but you must complete each lesson within two weeks of its release. You can take all online courses from the comfort of your home or office at the times that are most convenient to you.

Session 1: 04/15/09 - 05/29/09 -OR-

Session 2: 05/20/09 - 07/03/09 -OR-

Session 3: 06/17/09 - 07/31/09 -OR-

Session 4: 07/15/09 - 08/28/09 -OR-

Session 5: 08/19/09 - 10/02/09



### Classroom Teaching:

- A to Z Grant Writing
- An Introduction to Teaching ESL/EFL
- Creating the Inclusive Classroom: Strategies for Success
- The Classroom Computer
- The Creative Classroom
- Differentiated Instruction in the Classroom
- Enhancing Language Development in Childhood
- Guided Reading: Strategies for the Differentiated

### Classroom

- Guided Reading and Writing: Strategies for Maximum Student Achievement
- Guiding Kids on the Internet
- Integrating Technology in the Classroom
- Ready, Set, Read!
- Response to Intervention: Reading Strategies That Work
- Singapore Math Strategies: Model Drawing for Grades 1-6

- Solving Classroom Discipline Problems I
- Solving Classroom Discipline Problems II
- Survival Kit for New Teachers
- Teaching Math: Grades 4-6
- Teaching Science: Grades 4-6
- Teaching Students With Autism: Strategies for Success
- Teaching Writing: Grades 4-6
- Understanding Adolescents
- Using the Internet in the Classroom
- Working Successfully With Learning Disabled Students

#### **Technology:**

- Creating a Classroom Web Site
- Creating Web Pages I
- Creating Web Pages II
- Designing Effective Web Sites
- Introduction to Microsoft Access 2007
- Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007
- Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2007
- Introduction to Microsoft Publisher 2007
- Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007
- Making Movies With Windows XP
- Microsoft Excel 2007 in the Classroom
- Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 in the Classroom
- Microsoft Word 2007 in the Classroom
- Photoshop Elements 5.0 for the Digital Photographer
- Photoshop Elements 6.0 for the Digital Photographer



For more information or to download the registration form, please visit our Web site at [www.medina-esc.org](http://www.medina-esc.org) and click on the Professional Development tab. If you have any questions, please contact Janelle Sailer at 330-723-6393, Ext. 134, or [jsailer@medina-esc.org](mailto:jsailer@medina-esc.org).

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## "Technology Today"



Hello everyone and welcome to "Technology Today." Spring is here, and we all need to be alert about our ever-changing weather. A weather alert radio is a "must" at home and at school. This week we look at these radios and discuss some of your computer questions. Here we go!

### **Summer Service Reservation Forms**

Please send to me your Summer Service reservation forms. They are due April 1, 2009. We sent our schools a reminder notice last week. Thank you for using our Summer Equipment Maintenance Program.

### **Your Computer Questions and Our Tips!**

Here are some of the most popular computer cleaning questions we receive throughout the school year.

- **If you have a keyboard with a key that is not working, can you repair it?**

*Many types of keyboards used today may not be serviceable. Many are very inexpensive, and it would be cheaper to replace them than to repair them. I recommend a good cleaning periodically. The keyboard will last longer and*

look better. Please see your technology department for an evaluation and possible replacement.

- **My mouse is erratic. What causes this to happen?**

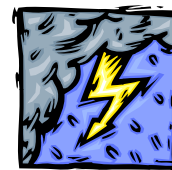
*This is due to dirt that is built up on the rollers that the mouse ball rides against. Have your mouse cleaned, and you should not have any more problems. Optical mice can get a dust build up too. Clean the optical area (where the red light is) with compressed air.*

- **What should we use to clean our monitor screens?**

*Follow the instructions in your user's manual. To clean a CRT monitor, we use a mild window cleaner, such as Glance, and a soft cotton computer grade cleaning rag. Be careful not to spray any Glance down the back of the monitor. LCD monitors can be wiped with a slightly damp cloth. I always turn the monitor off first and unplug it before cleaning the screen!*

## Spring Weather Information

Spring is here and so is our ever-changing weather. This week let's take a look at a weather radio and NOAA.



### What is NOAA?

**NOAA** stands for the **N**ational **O**ceanic and **A**tmospheric **A**dministration. It is our **N**ational **W**eather **S**ervice or **NWS**.

NOAA broadcasts continuous weather information in our area from a National Weather Service Forecast Office in our area.

Using a weather radio, you can pick up the Canton/Akron area broadcast office on frequency **162.400** MHz. In the Cleveland area, NOAA uses the frequency of **162.550** MHz.

The weather broadcast is updated regularly and will keep you informed with our ever-changing weather.

### What is SAME?

**S**pecific **A**rea **M**essage **E**ncoding, or **SAME**, was adopted in the last decade to replace wide area alerts. Your county can now be selected for individual or specific weather alerts. Weather radios with SAME will alert you of weather-related issues in a specifically alerted area. You, therefore, can be provided with weather watches and warnings or other related information for the community you are located in.

### What is FIPS?

To specify a county, SAME uses a standard established by the U.S. Census Bureau called our **F**ederal **I**nformational **P**rocessing **S**ystem, or **FIPS**. To get the specific FIPS code for your area, you may call the National Weather Service at 1-888-NWR-SAME or visit their Web site at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>.

### The SAME Tones

Your SAME weather radio will alert you of specific weather information. Here is how you can identify the weather statements being sent to your weather radio.

**A two-tone beep is for a weather statement.**

**A two-tone trill is for a watch.**

**A siren is for a warning.**

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### Where can you get a weather radio?

Weather radios can be purchased from your local electronic store as well as many fine retail establishments. Make sure you purchase a radio with SAME capability.

- Radio Shack
- Wal-Mart
- Litchfield Radio
- K-Mart
- Sears
- Best Buy

Always stay informed of the ever-changing weather! Thank you for reading this week's Internet newsletter.



Please have a safe and enjoyable spring break.  
Happy Easter!

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## Thank You

We appreciate the opportunity to share with you the events and the latest services that our ESC offers. Through this newsletter, you are learning about our ESC and what type of services we can provide to you, our customers.

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